

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SANITATION AND PASSENGER AMENITIES AT GUWAHATI RAILWAY STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State for Railways during his recent visit to Guwahati took note of the failure of railway authorities to maintain sanitation and passenger amenities at the Guwahati Station; which is considered as the face of the Indian Railways in the North-East;

(b) if so, the specific drawbacks were taken note of by him;

(c) whether any project has been drawn out for improvement and development of this station into a model station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): During inspection of Guwahati station on 26.10.2002, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways had noticed some deficiencies such as rough and uneven condition of platform nos. 4 & 5, poor condition of the kiosks of tea stalls on these platforms, clogging of drain between platform nos.5 & 6, accumulation of garbage near goods line No.5, accumulation of water on the platform nos. 4 & 5, improper illumination on platform nos.4,5,6 & 7 and inadequate sitting accommodation for waiting passengers.

(c) & (d): Action has already been taken to rectify these deficiencies by deployment of extra manpower to improve sanitation, provision of adequate number of dustbins and improvement of platforms. Moreover, in order to provide various upgraded passenger amenities, Guwahati Railway station has also been selected as a model station and for this purpose Rs.1.55 crores have been sanctioned.